

Minutes of a special meeting of the Bois Forte Reservation Tribal Council held April 26, 2017 at Nett Lake, Minnesota.

Meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m.

Members Present: Cathy Chavers; David Morrison, Sr.; Brandon Benner;
Travis Morrison

Members Absent: Ray Toutloff (will be late)

Others Present: Corey Strong; Vicki Villebrun; Sue Larson; Sidra Starkovich; Andy Datko; Jaime Burdick; Miranda Lilya; Everett Huismann; Doris Isham; Gordon Adams Jr.; Tara Geshick; Joel Astleford; Alex Mehne; Mike Bass; Kim Greiner

A moment of silence is observed in place of invocation. Condolences are offered for the family of Calvin Ottetail and the family of Cheryl Brown.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the agenda with the removal of three items: 1) George Strong's request to sole-source for web development services for KBFT Radio, 2) Andy Datko's resolutions in regard to the Tax Credit 3 Housing Project, and 3) Jaime Burdick with a contract for lawn services for the law enforcement center (Corey Strong can sign this contract because it is under \$3,000); and the addition of discussion on Wilkie Communications. Carried 3-0-0.

Moved by David Morrison Sr.; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held April 12, 2017 at Nett Lake, Minnesota. Carried 4-0-0.

There are no new tribal government employees to introduce.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by David Morrison Sr.; to approve the consent agenda as follows: 1) adopted resolution 105-2017, land lease to the Bois Forte Limited Partnership #3, LLLP for the Bois Forte Tax Credit 3 Housing Project (council poll vote was 4-0-0). Carried 3-0-0.

Sidra Starkovich informs the council the Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) is out for the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) and she plans to apply for it to renovate the Elderly

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Nutrition Program (ENP) building. The grant application is due May 18. HUD has not received notification if they are receiving money from the government for it this year. Sidra said she would normally have a resolution now but needs more detailed information (actual budgeted numbers and the maintenance plan) which she is working on, and so she will be requesting a council poll on the resolution when she gets that information. Sidra is asked how the application will be strengthened from last year. Sidra said last year points were lost in the operations and maintenance plan. They do not want the plan attached but needs to be referred to in the application. Sidra said extra points are given for having a match. The highest points for having a match is six points. The max for a match is \$200,000. Last year she asked for a \$156,000 match from the council. Sidra goes over what can be used and can't be used as a match.

Brandon Benner asks Corey Strong to get a report on the history of the ICDBG grant – how much was gotten, what years it was obtained and what years it wasn't.

Ray Toutloff enters the meeting.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Ray Toutloff; to authorize Bois Forte Limited Partnership ## LLLP to execute the owners/contractor agreement with MB Customs Development, LLC in the amount of \$4,710,757. Carried 4-0-0.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Travis Morrison; to approve the lease agreement with Damiano Center for office space in the Damiano Center, 206 W. 4th Street, Duluth MN for the Duluth Urban Office; and the Building Rules for Tenants, effective June 1, 2017. Carried 4-0-0.

Corey Strong said Indian tribes eligible to receive charitable contributions that are deductible for federal income, estate, and gift tax purposes. Corey has a letter that can be sent to funders.

Discussion was held on the termination of the contract with Wilkie Communications. Chairwoman Chavers said Helen Wilkie has been working for the tribe for years but is not sure how many years. The council is trying to be conservative with the budgets and use our own resources more than outside resources. We took over the newspaper. Chairwoman Chavers asks the council to consider when ending the contract to do it in 30 days so staff can be trained in things like the website, and things with Jacque Wilson at the Urban Office. Brandon Benner said he asked what was spent so far this year for Wilkie Communications and it is \$71,134.16 which averages about \$9,500 each month.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Travis Morrison; to end all payments and end Wilkie Communications services today. Carried 3-1-0. Ray Toutloff against.

Moved by Brandon Benner; seconded by Travis Morrison; to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m. Carried 4-0-0.